

Parks and Recreation Commission
Tuesday, April 2, 2013

Tuesday, April 2, 2013, Mayor Doyle Webster called the regular meeting of the Springdale Parks and Recreation Commission to order at 7pm. Members present were Steven Brooks, Carmen Daniels, Doug Stahlgren and Julie Wright. Also present was Recreation Director, Greg Karle.

Minutes from the March 2013 meeting were approved.

Items of **Old Business** discussed were:

- Mr. Karle informed the commission that youth soccer games were scheduled to begin March 23rd but most of the communities including Springdale canceled due to field conditions. Baseball teams are beginning to practice. They were scheduled to start games April 13th but have been pushed back 1 -2 weeks depending on the age group, since many teams have been unable to practice due to weather conditions.

Late last year, the Ohio General Assembly passed HB143, designed to protect youth at all levels from concussions. The requirements fall into three categories:

- Concussion Information Sheet – This sheet will be distributed to all youth sports parents either printed or online version for all sports which occur after April 26, 2013.
- Coach and Official Training – Youth sports coaches and officials must complete a free online concussion training every three years. We are able to have our coaches take it through the NYSCA along with other mandatory training that we require them to take which allows us to track all of their training from one location. Referees will have to take it from a separate website, which also lets us track them.
- Return to Play – The law does include return to play requirements. Coaches, referees, or officials must remove an athlete from play if the athlete is exhibiting the signs and symptoms of a concussion during a practice or game. The athlete cannot return to play until they have been assessed and received written clearance by a physician.

SYB was able to participate in the Chevy Youth Baseball Program again this year. Chevy will be donating a considerable amount of baseball equipment for the upcoming season as well as 2000 raffle tickets with prizes up to and including a new car. They also receive monetary bonuses from Chevy for the number of raffle tickets sold. They will be selling them 2 for a dollar.

The Winter Racquetball League concluded last week and participants were seeded for a single elimination tournament to be played over the next three weeks. The Women's Volleyball League regular season will conclude April 10th and will end the season with a Fun Night on April 17th.

The Men's Golf League will begin on April 10th at the Mill Course. There will be 10 teams again this year. Registration is underway for the Co-ed Softball league. Games are scheduled to begin on Tuesday April 23rd.

- Springdale's Gone Wild program featured a Naturalist from the Hamilton County Nature Center on March 28th at 7pm. The topic was animals commonly found in our area, what they eat, where they sleep and what they do all day. The presentation included live animals.

The baseball season has begun and to kick it off the seniors will play baseball bingo on Wednesday, April 3rd. They will also enjoy the traditional baseball snacks of peanuts, popcorn, hot dogs and ice cold soft drinks.

The April edition of “This & That” will feature Cody and Arnie Hildebrand local residents who have been working for over 30 years with animals in the area with the Cincinnati Zoo, the Raise and Release Program and ODNR.

- Mr. Karle said there have been a couple delays in filling the Recreation Programmer position as two of the potential candidates did not work out. The process will continue with three interviews scheduled this week.

The Aquatics Director and Assistant Aquatics Director will not be returning this year. Both positions remain open, but there are two potential candidates who look promising. Most of the lifeguards and gate attendants have reapplied but it appears we will be in need of three or four new lifeguards this season.

A candidate has been identified for the remaining Park Patrol position and is presently undergoing a background check.

Customer Service Assistant, Deja Kerley has submitted her notice of resignation. She completed her nursing degree and has found a position in that field. A candidate has been identified and is currently undergoing a background check.

- Mr. Karle noted that the date of Saturday, September 14th has been confirmed as the date for a community special event in 2013. Staff is beginning to plan the activities. The event will not include fireworks or shuttle busses but will include many family friendly games and activities. Fitness Manager, Jay Dennis is developing the idea of a “Family Mud Quest” event to start the day (1pm – 2pm). It would be an obstacle course for families to run with a mud feature of course. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday with a company that provides children’s entertainment such as balloon artists, jugglers, face painters, sand art, inflatable rides etc. Staff is looking into a petting zoo and pony rides and possibly tethered hot air balloon rides or a balloon glow. Mr. Karle said he had been in contact with River City Productions regarding sound and staging for bands. They are able to provide a stage, lighting, sound and power for bands on the field. The commission members were provided with the names of a number of bands that were under consideration. Mr. Karle also noted that there will opportunities for community organizations to have food and refreshment booths.
- The annual Lions Club Pancake Breakfast took place on Saturday, March 16th. The event ran smoothly. It was reported that attendance was down slightly but overall it was a success. Club Rec members assisted by serving and bussing tables.
- The annual Opening Day Parade and Ceremony will take place on Saturday, April 13th. The parade will stage at Value City at 8:30am and leave at 9am. It was planned that the ceremony would include two inductees into the Springdale Youth Sports Hall of Fame Memorial Angela Drye and Bill Syfert. Unfortunately, since the last meeting, longtime resident and youth sports coach Rosie Rogers passed away. The Recreation Commission voted to induct Rosie Rogers into the Youth Sports Memorial Hall of Fame at the ceremony on April 13th.

Items of **New Business** discussed were:

- The Arbor Day Ceremony will be Friday, April 26th. Plans are being finalized with Springdale Elementary for their participation again this year. The Springdale Garden Club will be donating a tree to be planted. The event will recognize the City of Springdale’s designation as a Tree City USA.

- Springdale will be hosting the Third Grade Health Fair on Thursday, May 16th, 8:15am – 1:45pm. There will be over twenty health related stations for the children to explore. Children in the 3rd grade from the Princeton School District and areas private schools are invited. The fitness staff will participate with their always popular Fitness Challenge.
- Mr. Karle announced date of Saturday, August 17th for the Springdale Neighborhood Yard Sale with the suggested time of 9am – 2pm. As in the past it will be advertised with a street banner, yard signs, electronic sign board, newspaper, and internet media.
- The handicap pool lift has been installed and the pool is now in compliance with ADA regulations.

Eckstein Roofing will begin work soon to replace the old tar and gravel roof over the Community Center storage room with a membrane roof. The project should take approximately one week to complete.